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1. TRUXTUN DOCKED STATION PIER AT 1030 YESTERDAY WITHOUT TUG ASSISTANCE AND WITH ALMOST NO NEGATIVE DISPLAYS.

2. FAVORABLE DEMONSTRATORS FAR OUTNUMBERED NEGATIVE DEMONSTRATORS IN BOATS ESCORTING TRUXTUN THROUGH PORT PHILIP BAY AND IN WELCOMING CROWD AT PIER. SMALL AIRPLANE TOWED "WELCOME TRUXTUN" SING. CROWD AT PIER ORDERLY AND RELATIVELY QUIET WITH A FEW NEGATIVE BANNERS.

3. PORT WORKERS STRUCK ON TRUXTUN ARRIVAL AT PIER. LATER
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MEETING VOTED RESOUNDINGLY NOT TO EXTEND STRIKE TO ENTIRE

VISIT OR EVEN TO TWO DAYS. STRIKERS BACK AT WORK TODAY.
BLACK BAN PLACED ON STATION PIER BUT SUPPLIES APPARENTLY
STILL BEING DELIVERED BY CONTRACTORS.

4. MRS. HARGROVE AND I, ACCOMPANIED BY CONGEN BRAND AND
MRS. BRAND AND DAO, TOURED TRUXTUN WITH CAPTAIN TALLEY
1500 YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. DROVE THROUGH PIER GATES AND
UP TO GANGPLANK WITHOUT ANY INCIDENT AT ALL. VERY SMALL
GROUP OF PROTESTERS(NO MORE THAN 20 OR 30) HAD LAID
BANNERS DOWN AND SEEMED TO BE ENJOYING THE QUIET, SUNNY
SPRING DAY AT THE SEA SHORE. ADQUATE POLICE GUARD HAD
NOTHING TO DO.

5. PRESS CONFERENCE IN HELICOPTER HANGAR ABOARD SHIP 1400-
1500 WAS WELL-HANDLED BY CAPTAIN TALLY AND WELL-PROJECTED
LAST NIGHT BY TV STATIONS. PRESS COVERAGE UNIFORMLY
FAVORABLE, BOTH NEWS REPORTING AND EDITORIALS.

6. BUSY SOCIAL PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR OFFICERS AND MEN IN
MELBOURNE INCLUDING HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS AT SOCIAL AND
GOLF CLUBS, COMPETITIVE BASEBALL AND BASKETBALL GAMES AND
ATTENDANCE AT SEMIFINAL FOOTBALL MATCH SATURDAY.

7. I HAVE INVITED PRIME MINISTER TO HAVE DINNER ABOARD
TRUXTUN THIS WEEKEND AND AM WAITING TO HEAR WHEN HIS
SCHEDULE MIGHT PERMIT THE VISIT. HE IS PLEASED AT THE
PROSPECT.

8. IN SUMMARY, TRUXTUN VISIT HAS GOTTEN OFF TO A GREAT
START, INCLUDING BEAUTIFUL WEATHER IN CONTRAST TO WELLINGTON.
NET EFFECT OF VISIT IS DEFINITELY POSITIVE; BELIEVE
IT HAS GENERATED NEW SUPPORT RATHER THAN OPPOSITION.
ONLY REAL NEGATIVE IS ATTITUDE OF NEW SOUTH WALES
GOVERNMENT AS EXHIBITED IN THEIR STATEMENT THAT NSW
PORTS "NOT READILY AVAILABLE" TO NPWS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
REASONS. STATEMENT WAS GRATUITIOUS IN THAT WE HAD
REQUESTED NO PERMISSION TO ENTER NWS PORTS. I HAVE
SINCE HAD ONE VISIT WITH PREMIER WRAN, WHO IS USUALLY
A VERY REASONABLE MAN AND WHO WAS SOMEWHAT APOLOGETIC
AT HIS POSITION WHICH HE IMPLICITLY ADMITTED WAS POPULIST
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AND ADOPTED BECAUSE HE ALREADY HAS TOO MUCH TROUBLE WITH
THE WATERFRONT. I HOPE IN TIME WE MAY BE ABLE TO NEUTRALIZE
NSW PROBLEM ALTHOUGH WRAN WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY BACKING
DOWN NOW. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAY WISH TO PUSH CONFRONTA-
TION EVEN THOUGH NO PLANS EXIST FOR NPW VISITS TO NWS
PORTS AT THIS TIME.

9. PROSPECTS FOR ENTERPRISE AND LONG BEACH TO VISIT

AFTER KANGAROO II LOOK QUITE GOOD BUT WE WILL WAIT UNTIL
TRUXTUN LEAVES TO TAKE UP THAT SUBJECT AGAIN.
HARGROVE

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